# South Central Tennessee Development District Annual Report FY 2015-2016

2016 Rebuild Tennessee Award

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### SCIDD BOARD CHAIRMAN

As we pause to reflect back on the last year I think each one of us can say that we have been blessed in some way. We have seen our counties prosper and grow in many different areas.

Scripture tells us that we cannot get to heaven alone and I believe that our success in our development district is a result of many different people working together for the same common cause. There are so many individuals that work so hard within our counties but if it were not for all the employees of our development district stepping up and doing a fantastic job we would come up short in our accomplishments. Thanks to all of you for making a better life for us all.

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child and oh, how true that can be. I reflect back to earlier days when going to school and the impact that teachers can have on making us better citizens. One of the greatest honors I have had recently was to be able to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party of one of my most respected teachers. The humbling part came when she looked up called me by my name and said "I am proud of you". We are lucky that we have each other to lean on to help us be successful in our counties. Remember ropes are made by twisting individual strands together to make them stronger and that applies within our development district as well.

To have served as your chairman of our South Central Tennessee Development District has been a humbling experience. I hope that my service in this capacity has been of some benefit to all of our counties. Thank you all for the opportunity. God Bless America and each one of you.

> Sincerely, Joe Boyd Liggett Marshall County Mayor

Jerry Mansfield

**Executive Director** 

Verna Brown

**Executive Assistant** 

Janice Moser

Human Resource/Benefits Coordinator

Shannon Alsup

Administrative Assistant

# SCTDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY 2015-2016

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#### Minority Representatives:

\*Anthony Taylor, Lincoln County
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#### State Representative:

\*Judd Matheny

#### State Senator:

\*Jim Tracy



The SCTDD is designated to serve as the Area Agency on Aging & Disability (AAAD) in the South Central Tennessee District by the Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability (TCAD). In the last fiscal year, the AAAD had 22 full-time staff and 3 part-time staff. The AAAD contracted with 31 service providers and maintained a budget of approximately \$3.7 million to provide programs and services to older adults and adults with physical disabilities in our 13-county region. Funding for AAAD programs and services is provided by the Older Americans Act through the U.S. DHHS, Administration for Community Living, TCAD, the State of Tennessee, Bureau of TennCare, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In FY-2016, the AAAD provided the following programs, services, units and/or hours of service:

Provided Directly by the AAAD:	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Units/Hours</u>
Information & Assistance	2,053	
Long Term Care Screenings	939	
Public Guardian/Conservator	50	2,824
Public Guardian/Conservator Volunteers	22	
State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP):		
Individual Counseling	8,403	
Low-Inc Subsidy/Medicare Savings Applications	1,084	
Community Outreach Education Events	326	
Certified SHIP Volunteers	70	4,134
CHOICES in Long Term Care Program:		
CHOICES Applications	224	
CHOICES Enrollments	116	
HCBS Service Coordination/Case Management	1,140	



In FY-2016, the AAAD provided the following programs, services, units and/or hours of service (continued):

Provided Through Contract:	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Units/Hours</u>
Senior Centers (13)	7,840	488,058
Senior Center Volunteers	960	29,536
Nutrition Congregate Meals	1,675	93,922
Nutrition Screenings	1,678	1,753
Nutrition Education	1,681	18,810
Home & Community Based Services (HCBS):		
Home-Delivered Meals	471	79,801
Homemaker Services	293	21,742
Personal Care Services	52	2,485
Family Caregiver Support Program	126	13,272
Legal Assistance	327	1,166
Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO):		
Cases Investigated	54	
Consultations to Individuals	102	
Consultations to Facilities	77	
Facility Visits	199	
Volunteer Ombudsman Representatives		

## "Making a Difference in the Lives of Older Adults & Adults with a Disability"

**INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE HOTLINE 1-866-836-6678** 

### OUR HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2015 - 2016 . . .

Congratulations to our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) staff for receiving awards from our State office for: 1) Highest Overall TN SHIP Program Performance, 2) Outstanding TN SHIP Volunteer Program Performance, and 3) Outstanding TN SHIP Outreach Performance in the Area of Attendance at Presentations to the Public. SHIP staff from across the State of Tennessee met March 15-16, 2016 for a training conference hosted by the Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability (TCAD) in Nashville. SHIP Coordinator, Sherri Craig, said, "These awards would not have been possible without the hard work of the SHIP volunteers."



South Central AAAD's Advisory Council on Aging & Disability recognized outgoing Council Chairman, Lillie Brewer of Wayne County, for her leadership and service in 2014

-2015, at their quarterly meeting March 9, 2016. The Advisory Council's new Chairman, Cindy Duren, also of Wayne County, assisted Joe Evans, AAAD Director and Robin Rochelle, AAAD Assistant Director with the presentation of Lillie's award. We appreciate Lillie and Cindy for their volunteer service leadership with the South Central TN AAAD Advisory Council.





#### 2015 Senior Brain Games

#### **Winners Move on to Regionals**

The South Central TN Area Agency on Aging & Disability (AAAD) held the District

Senior Brain Games on August 7, 2015 in Lawrenceburg. Lewis County pulled out the win. Lincoln and Marshall Counties close runner-ups. were Thanks to all of the teams who competed - Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln and Marshall Counties. Also, thanks to the senior centers in each of those counties for having trivia the competitions at their centers and for supporting the contestants in this competition.



Lewis Co.: Matt Peters, Gaytha Oakes, Paul Wilson & Russ Knapp



The Middle Tennessee Regional Brain Games were held September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cookeville/Putnam Co Senior Center in Cookeville. Lewis County had a good cheering section present representing South Central against the Upper Cumberland and Greater Nashville Districts.

Hickman Co.: Ken Kimmons, Yvonna Caillouet & Gaithlyn (Buddy) Gardner

Lawrence Co.: Sherry Mann, Curtis Peters & Ann Brown (2013 State Champs)





#### 2015 Senior Brain Games



Marshall Co.: Marsha Lancaster, Tony Lancaster & Cathy Madeo

Lincoln Co.: Sue Wilbanks, Lloyd McCaskill, Billie Wicks & Dot Brown





Tennessee Federation for the Aging, Inc. (TFA) members at the 2016 Aging Day on the Hill at Legislative Place on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. South Central TN AAAD staff members Robin Rochelle & Melanie Kupfer are pictured with the group and participated in the days activities advocating for needed programs and services for older adults across Tennessee.



#### October Declared Fraud & Financial Abuse Awareness Month

Governor Bill Haslam declared October 2015 as Fraud & Financial Abuse Awareness Month in Tennessee. Following suit, members of the Adult Abuse Coalition of South Central Tennessee (administered by SCTDD/Area Agency on Aging & Disability), coordinated county and city mayors signing proclamations, and provided education and awareness activities to senior citizens, caregivers, and service providers. Coalition members joined by mayors, local law enforcement and other officials, visited each senior center in the district to provide education on how to identify, prevent, and report fraud and scams.



Lewis County: (From Left) Sheriff Dwayne Kilpatrick, City Mayor Danny McKnight, Lt. Earl Taylor of Hohenwald Police Dept., and Vice Mayor Don Barber, along with members of the Adult Abuse Coalition of Central TN, South Rochelle of South Central TN Area Agency on Aging & Disability and Mary Fox of Behavioral Healthcare Columbia (standing far left), as well as members of the Lewis County Senior Citizens Center on October 28, 2015.



Lewis County: Pictured Right is County Mayor Bill Webb signing the Official Fraud & Financial Abuse Official Fraud & Financial Fraud & Formal Rochelle, Carroll (Indeed Fraud Fra



### October Declared Fraud & Financial Abuse Awareness Month

Maury County: Mayor Charlie Norman's Assistant Tammy Anderson representing the Maury County Mayor's Office (seated with proclamation), (L to R) Robin Rochelle of the South Central TN Area Agency on Aging & Disability & Adult Abuse Coalition of South Central TN, Asst.



Police Chief Michelle Jones, Police Chief Tim Potts, Sheriff Bucky Rowland, and Mary Fox of Behavioral Healthcare of Columbia & the Adult Abuse Coalition of South Central TN.



Pictured Right is Sheriff Bucky Rowland sharing information on local scams with seniors in the audience at Maury County Senior Center.



#### **Adult Abuse Coalition Conference**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Adult Abuse Coalition of South Central

Tennessee was held 3, 2016 May at Northfield Conference Center in Spring Hill. Over 125 attendees received a free purple World Elder Abuse Awareness Day t-shirt, along with a lineup great of speakers, who shared their expertise on issues regarding exploitation, abuse. conservatorship, and powers of attorney... The Coalition administered and coordinated by the South Central TN AAAD.



Members of the Coalition present the "Making A Difference" Award to 2015's Winner, Connie Beal of Moore County. She has served in many roles in the aging network in south central and continues to be an advocate through her volunteer efforts.



2016 **Adult Abuse** Coalition Conference





RIGHT: Warren, Christy Public Guardian, AAAD Renee Bouchillon. DHS Adult Protective Services Director & Robin Rochelle, AAAD Assistant Director WEARING PURPLE at the 2016 Aging Symposium on June  $15^{th}$  for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

ABOVE: TBI Director, Mark Gwyn, speaks to the audience at the 2016 Symposium on Aging at TSU Avon Williams Campus in Nashville about Elder Abuse issues in Tennessee.







The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Expo was held May 18, 2016 at the Northfield Conference Center in Spring Hill. Nearly 300 seniors age 50 and older registered and received a free Chick-Fil-A box lunch and had the opportunity to visit over 45 exhibit booths, get free health screenings, attend educational sessions, enjoy live entertainment, and door prizes. The Senior Expo is a coordinated effort among members of the Maury County Health Council and the South Central TN AAAD.



Seniors
Enjoying the
Entertainment

4 of the 5 Winners of \$100 Gift Cards





"G", Bob, and Robin Rochelle SCTDD/AAAD Assistant Director. Bob was the 5th of 5 \$100 Gift Card Winners



SHIP Volunteers given Tokens of Appreciation by SHIP Staff at the **Quarterly SHIP** Volunteer **Training Session** 





Annual Senior Center Director's Training Retreat at Milky Way Farms, April 8, 2016, provided by SCTDD/AAAD. Guest Speakers were Barry Tennessee Crotzer of Department to Safety & Homeland Security "Surviving an Active Shooter" & Suspicious Activity" and Mary Fox from Behavioral Healthcare of Columbia on "Senior Bullying".



### AREA REMEY ON AGING & DISABILITY



Thanks to all of the **SCTDD Staff & Volunteers** who helped during the week of the South Central TN Senior Olympics, August 24-28, 2015. We appreciate the partnership we have with Beth Campbell and the staff at Lawrenceburg Parks & Recreation each year. The Closing Ceremony was held September 11<sup>th</sup> with a Luau lunch.



### MAAAD

### REAGENCY ON AGING & DISABILITY

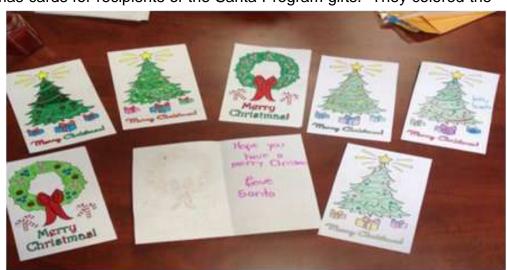


The **Santa for a Senior & Persons with a Disability Program** was a huge success again this year thanks to our generous little elves who donate, shop, gather and organize this entire project in a few short weeks. This year, the program adopted 105 low-income individuals across our 13 counties who were alone or with limited family support during the holiday season. We had 67 businesses, churches and/or individuals who donated gifts, and a total of \$2,500 to help buy other gifts and to make boxes of food and household supplies. A HUGE THANKS to everyone who donated, bought gifts, packed boxes, and contributed in any way. Also, a very special THANKS to SCTDD /AAAD staff, Glenda Porterfield and Kim Waldrum, who oversee and coordinate this project each year!

### Santa Program Partners with Special Elves

This year, the Santa for a Senior & Persons with a Disability Program partnered with a special group of little elves. Kim Mann's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Class from South Lincoln School made special Christmas cards for recipients of the Santa Program gifts. They colored the

cards and wrote special messages inside. Thank you to Kim and her class for this special gift! Take a look at some of the beautiful cards pictured here.





#### SCTDD Golf Classic Nets \$8,000 for Emergency Assistance Program

The Annual SCTDD Golf Classic held June 10, 2016 at Henry Horton State Park was a success THANKS to all of our sponsors, golf teams, SCTDD staff/volunteers, Henry Horton staff, and people who donated items. All of the proceeds from this tournament go directly to the Emergency Assistance Program for Elderly & Persons with a Disability. This program helps low-income elderly and adults with disabilities with health and/or safety needs for which there are no other resources. Types of assistance include dental care, vision care, food and household needs, transportation, minor home modifications, incontinence supplies, etc. Special thanks to our major sponsors: Marshall Farmers Coop Tire Center, Hart Freeland Roberts, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Brindley Construction & McDonald's of Maury County.



### AND THE TEAM WINNERS ARE...



1<sup>st</sup> Place-1<sup>st</sup> Flight

**C&S Plastics Team: Terry Wallace, Guy Chambers, Joe Liggett, Buddy Wiles** 





2<sup>nd</sup> Place-1<sup>st</sup> Flight

Danny Davis Team: Danny Davis, Jay Blackwell, Sterling Smith, Elliott Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> Place-1<sup>st</sup> Flight

Perry Co Nursing Home Team: Terry Richardson, Brent Hinson, Kirk Hastings, Blake Warren

### AND THE TEAM WINNERS ARE...



1<sup>st</sup> Place-2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

Hethcoat & Davis Team: Alton Hethcoat, Terry Harrison, Bobby Phillips, Mike Luke





2<sup>nd</sup> Place-2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

Pool Siders Team (TML): Michael Fann, Jim Thomas, Andy Lacewell, Chester Darden

3<sup>rd</sup> Place-2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

First Bank Team: Terry Phillips, Bruce Cotton, Al Parker, Don Madill

### **INDIVIDUAL PRIZE WINNERS ARE...**



Robby Giles Straightest Drive

**Bobby Turnbow Long Drive Men** 



### **INDIVIDUAL PRIZE WINNERS ARE...**



Madison Smith Long Drive Women

**Greg Douglas**Longest Putt Made





T.J. Tipps
Closest to Pin #16







Blake Warren (Perry Co. Mayor Terry Richardson Collecting) Closest to Pin #8



Joe Liggett
Putting Contest



Justin Crowley
Closest to Pin #2



### Partnerships Build Ramps in SCTDD's Emergency Assistance Program

SCTDD's Emergency Assistance Program and Deaconess Home Health partnered in the fall to build this ramp for an elderly person who desperately needed safe access in and out of their own home. SCTDD had the funds while Deaconess was able to provide the labor. The result is this individual being able to safely enter and exit their home, and more importantly being able to remain in their home. Thank you Deaconess and all of the businesses and individuals who have made projects like this possible through the SCTDD Emergency Assistance Program.





### **FY 15-16 STAFF**

Joe Evans

Director of Aging & Disability Programs

Robin Rochelle

Assistant Director of Aging & Disability Programs

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Aging & Disability Program
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**Choices Assessment Specialist** 

Stephanie Cook

**CHOICES Assessment Specialist** 

Kim Waldrum

**CHOICES Enrollment Specialist** 

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Family Caregiver Coordinator

Kim Miller

**HCBS Support Services Manager** 

Tracy Ardry

**HCBS Support Services Coordinator** 

Melanie Kupfer

**HCBS Support Services Coordinator** 

Amye Humphrey

**HCBS Support Clerk** 

Sherri Craig

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Brian Henson (P/T)

SHIP Data Specialist

Bonnie Walker (P/T)

SHIP Benefits Counselor

Mike David (P/T)

SHIP Volunteer Coordinator

Andrea Morrow

Long Term Care Ombudsman

SCTDD Community Development Staff assists cities and counties in improving the quality of life for their residents. Community Development staff assists in identifying community needs, developing realistic solutions, securing funding, and administering projects. Community Development efforts result in improved infrastructure, fire-fighting capabilities, housing, downtown revitalization, tourism, etc.

#### Projects for the past year include:

Applications for twenty-one Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) totaling approximately twenty-two million in grant funds were prepared. These applications include:

Bedford County - Water Line Extension - \$390,000 Franklin County - Water Treatment Improvement - \$400,000 Lincoln County - Water system Improvements - \$525,000 Marshall County - Water Line Improvement - \$335,820 Maury County - Drainage Improvements - \$315,000 City of Collinwood - Water System Improvements - \$376,000 City of Cowan - Water System Rehabilitation - \$364,894 City of Decherd - Sewer system Improvements - \$400,000 City of Elkton - Water System Improvements - \$106,596 City of Hohenwald - Water System Improvements - \$525,000 City of Lawrenceburg - Sewer System Improvements - \$525,000 City of Lewisburg - Sewer System Rehabilitation - \$525,000 City of Loretto - Fire Protection - \$315,000 City of Pulaski - Water System Improvements - \$525,000 City of St. Joseph - Water Treatment Plant Improvement - \$400,000 Town of Bell Buckle - Sewer system Rehabilitation - \$350,000 Town of Chapel Hill - Sewer System Improvements - \$361,250 Town of Estill Springs - Early Warning Sirens - \$130,000 Town of Huntland - Drainage Improvements - \$270,000 Town of Petersburg - Fire Protection - \$315,000 Town of Wartrace - Sewer System Improvements - \$289,750

Applications for three Appalachian Regional Commission grants totaling in excess off four million in grant funds were prepared. These applications include:

Coffee County - Manchester Water System Upgrades \$500,000 Franklin County - Decherd Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement \$500,000 City of Hohenwald - Hohenwald Water Flow Optimization \$400,000

SCTDD assisted communities/counties in applying for U.S.D.A. Rural Development funds. Rural Development applications as follows:

Wayne County - RBDG Comprehensive Tourism Plan
City of Winchester - RBDG Retail Development Plan
Town of Petersburg - Street Paving Project
City of Ardmore - USDA Facilities Grant
City of Lewisburg - Rotary Pavilion

SCTDD assisted the communities with the following community grants:

City of Pulaski - CDBG Community Façade - \$100,000 Town of Centerville - CDBG Community Façade - \$100,000 City of Columbia - CDBG Community Façade - \$100,000

SCTDD is administering the following 2008/2010/2012 CDBG Disaster Projects:

Hickman County - Emergency Shelters/Equipment
Perry County - Water Line Extension
Wayne County - Water Line Connection
Town of Centerville - Generators

SCTDD assisted the communities with the following Recreation grants:

City of Loretto - Swimming Pool Development \$ 50,000

Maury County - Yanahli Natural Area/Hampshire Park Restrooms/

William Springs Park Playground \$500,000

Marshall County - Showground Arena \$325,000

Presently, SCTDD is administering the following CDBG Projects:

Giles County - Water Storage Tank

Lawrence County - Water Line Extension

Lewis County - Water Line Extension

City of Ardmore - Water System Rehabilitation

City of Columbia - Neighborhood Revitalization

City of Lawrenceburg - Sewer System Rehabilitation

Town of Linden - Fire Protection

City of Lobelville - Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

City of Manchester - Drainage Improvements

City of Mt. Pleasant - Water System Rehabilitation

City of Waynesboro - Water Source Development

### **STAFF**

#### Lorie Fisher

Community Development Program Director

#### **Chassity Martin**

**Community Development Specialist** 

#### Teresa Prober

Historic Preservationist

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Prepared Section 106 requests for CDBG, and HUD.

Advised Historic Zoning Commissions and Certified Local Governments in 2 cities.

Assisted in developing Historic Zoning Commissions and Certified Local Government in 2 cities.

Assisted in Tennessee Downtown Applications in 3 cities.

Administering the FY 2017 Arts Build Communities grants for 13 organizations

Developed and presented cemetery preservation workshop in 1 city.

Updating and submitting historic district nomination for National Register of Historic Places for 1 city.

Administering Federal Historic Preservation Grant for 1 city.

#### Preservation Grants Written:

Arts Build Communities Program - \$23,500

City of Columbia - Jack & Jill Building Federal Historic Preservation Grant - \$30,000

City of Pulaski MainStreet Facade Grant - \$100,000



**Lynchburg Courthouse for Tennessee Downtown Application** 



**Downtown Pulaski Streetscape for Façade Grant** 



Wayne County
Pump Station

#### **BELOW:**

Columbia Façade Improvement Public Meeting



**Loretto - Swimming Pool** 





Manchester Drainage Improvement Project



Lewisburg—Rock Creek Rotary Pavilion



2014 Linden CDBG Fire Protection

#### 2016 Rebuild Tennessee Award

#### City of Hohenwald/Lewis County Emergency Operation Center

In February 2008, the City of Hohenwald and Lewis County experienced a devastating tornado which destroyed many homes and much property throughout Lewis County. Buildings were destroyed, roads were impassable, and property damage was immeasurable. Lewis County was proclaimed a Presidentially-Declared Federal Disaster Area. Hohenwald and Lewis County officials realized that working together they could develop a comprehensive approach to more effectively respond to future disaster events. In 2011, the City of Hohenwald and Lewis County applied and received Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant funds from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to construct a comprehensive Emergency Operation Center. This newly constructed facility will allow Hohenwald and Lewis County address emergency situations in a much more professional and effective manner by 1) having a central location large enough to coordinate emergency response teams; 2) exchanging direct communication between responding departments; and 3) housing emergency equipment at one location to reduce response time. Additionally, the Hohenwald/Lewis County Emergency Operation Center, which was constructed with reinforced walls, serves as an emergency shelter for residents and workers near the downtown district during emergency weather events.















### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 the Economic Development staff of the South Central Tennessee Development District provided assistance to local governments and businesses in the following activities and projects:

South Central Tennessee Development District submitted eight applications for funding under the Tennessee Fastrack Grant Program to support economic development projects. The requested Fastrack grant funds total for these eight applications is \$3,785,700 and involves 739 total new jobs with \$251,200,000 in new private investment. In addition, five Fastrack projects that were approved in prior years are being administered by SCTDD staff.

	<b>Grant Funds</b>	<u>Jobs</u>
Metro Moore County, Jack Daniels Project	\$250,000	30
City of Lawrenceburg, 3D Systems Project	\$250,000	50
Fayetteville-Lincoln County, Toledo Molding and Die	\$1,555,000	250
Fayetteville-Lincoln County, Nippon Steel Project	\$530,000	65
Maury County IDB, Tenneco Project	\$330,230	200
City of Hohenwald, Soul Supports Project	\$216,000	54
City of Collinwood, C-4 Lumber Project	\$204,470	15
City of Pulaski, Valley Packaging Project	\$450,000	75

Three Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Grant projects (Wayne County, Lobelville, and Lincoln County) totaling \$4,600,000 that were approved in prior years are being administered by SCTDD staff as well as one Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public works grant (Mt. Pleasant) totaling \$1,000,000. SCTDD staff also submitted one \$600,000 EDA Public Works grant for infrastructure improvements on behalf of the City of Pulaski that was awarded.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Five applications were submitted for funding under the Tennessee Site Development Grant Program (SDG) which is a first-of-its-kind grant opportunity which will transform economic development sites to shovel-ready status as part of Tennessee's nationally recognized Select Tennessee Site Certification program. These applications which totaled \$1,641,285 are:

Centerville Shipps Bend Industrial Site	\$310,650
Coffee Count IB Joint Industrial Park	\$163,350
Lawrence County JECDB Team Lawrence County Park	\$309,985
Pulaski Industrial Park South Lot 5	\$357,300
Shelbyville 231 North Business Park	\$500,000

SCTDD staff assisted the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville on a \$50,000 USDA Rural Business Development Grant to purchase additional updated technological equipment needed to meet the high skills required by industry for the newly-established Industrial Maintenance program by the Governor's LEAP Program for the TCAT sites in Bedford, Franklin, Marshall, and Lincoln Counties. The purchase of the equipment and training provided will result in a highly-skilled workforce to enhance manufacturing job retention and recruitment in Southern Middle Tennessee.

SCTDD staff assisted the City of Waynesboro on a \$16,000 USDA Rural Business Development Grant to conduct studies and surveys at the Waynesboro Industrial Park which is close to becoming a Select Tennessee Certified Site. Obtaining this designation will significantly increase the community's marketability and decrease a company's start-up time should the company choose to locate in the park.

SCTDD staff solicited input from local officials, economic development professionals, community organizations, business leaders and other community leaders to update the SCTDD Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). SCTDD staff met with local manufacturing committees, chambers of commerce, local industrial boards, and Joint Economic Development Boards.

The SCTDD continues to serve as a state data center affiliate providing statistical and other data as requested to local officials, recruiters, community organizations, and businesses.

At the request of local governments and economic development professionals, SCTDD staff met with numerous entrepreneurs and business owners to review business plans and discuss possible sources of financing assistance to be able to expand or to maintain an existing employment base. Some meetings resulted in applications and others were referred to other organizations.

Applicants were a diverse group including hotels, restaurants, technology service providers, and other commercial businesses. More than 10 applications were submitted and approved by SCTBDC during FY 2016. Authorizations totaling \$8,422,000 during FY 2016 are expected to leverage another \$17,517,223 in private investments from either owner equity or other financial institutions. These funds were expected to create or help save 164 jobs. Funding for these projects was provided through the EDA Revolving Loan Fund, USDA Intermediary Revolving Loan Fund, and the SBA 504 Program.

							Jobs	
Loan	Program	Date Approved	Loan Amount	Private	Total Investment	Created	Saved	Employees
Megawatt Communications*	RLF	7/17/2015	38,000	10,000	48,000	5	0	5
Megawatt Communications*	IRP I	7/17/2015	38,000	0	38,000	0	0	0
Spring Hill Hampton	504	7/22/2015	2,508,000	5,040,000	7,548,000	18	0	18
Archangel Tactical Consulting	504	8/28/2015	309,000	553,930	862,930	- 5	0	5
UK Enterprises, LLC	504	10/28/2015	2,946,000	5,884,000	8,830,000	18	0	18
6 Month Total			5,839,000	11,487,930	17,326,930	46	0	46
One and Only BBQ	504	1/27/2016	633,000	1,692,000	2,325,000	39	0	39
John T's BBQ	504	3/10/2016	196,000	351,000	547,000	- 4	14	18
Culver's Restaurant (Mt. Juliet)	504	3/18/2016	1,048,000	2,550,275	3,598,275	45	0	45
Stormaxx	504	4/21/2016	435,000	987,000	1,422,000	1	0	1
Diligence Telecom	RLF	5/24/2016	30,000	20,668	50,668	3	0	3
Neely Investment Group, LLC	504	6/10/2016	131,000	233,350	364,350	10	0	10
The Laurel Willow	504	6/24/2016	110,000	195,000	305,000	2	0	2
6 Month Total			2,583,000	6,029,293	8,612,293	104	14	118
Grand Total			8,422,000	17,517,223	25,939,223	150	14	164

The SCTD Annual Lender's Conference was held at Northfield. It was sponsored by Prichards' Distillery, Logic Environmental, Business Credit Reports, Banes Capital Management, USDA, Capital Growth Solutions, Financial Institution Advisory Group, Jake Wolaver, Attorney at law, and Flexible Capital Solutions. Presenters included local and federal employees of Small Business Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, The Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Office of Capital Access, SCTD (South Central Tennessee Development), The Tennessee Small Business Development Centers, Mercantile Capital Corporation, and several of our sponsors. It was attended by lenders from across Tennessee to learn more about how to use Non-Conventional financing alternatives to increase investments in their communities.

#### **ECONOMIC STAFF**

#### Nathan Ward

**Economic Development Specialist** 

#### Eddie Fitzgerald

**Economic Development Loan Officer** 



SCTDD staff assisted the Shelbyville-Bedford County 231 North Business Park Oversight Committee on a \$500,000 Tennessee Site Development Grant to construct a paved two lane industrial access road with utilities and park sign.





SCTDD staff assisted the Coffee County Industrial Board on a \$163,350 Tennessee Site Development Grant for the Joint Industrial Park to clear 16.5 acres of the 48.62 acre Select Tennessee Site.

SCTDD staff assisted the Lawrence County JECDB with \$309,985 Tennessee Site Development Grant for the Team Lawrence Industrial Park to widen and develop

County Farm
Road to meet
state industrial
a c c e s s
requirements
and create
better access.



SCTDD staff assisted the City of Waynesboro on a \$16,000 USDA Rural Business



Development
Grant to
conduct
studies and
surveys at the
Waynesboro
Industrial Park
which is close
to becoming a
Select
Tennessee
Certified Site.

SCTDD staff assisted the City of Pulaski on a \$600,000 Economic Development Administration Public Works Grant for water and sewer improvements to



accommodate
Valley
Packaging's
new facility
which will
result in 75
new jobs and
close to a \$50
million
investment.

SCTDD staff assisted the City of Pulaski on a \$357,300 Tennessee Site Development

Grant for the Pulaski Industrial Park South Lot 5 to extend 2500 linear feet of sewer line.



SCTDD staff assisted the Town of Centerville on a \$310,650 Tennessee Site

Development
Grant for the
Shipps Bend
Industrial Site
to construct
an access
road and new
wastewater
line to the
property.















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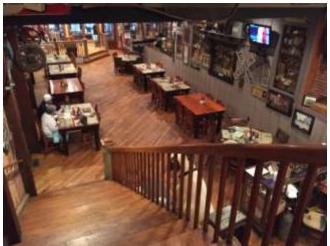


















#### South Central Tennessee Development District Receives National Association of Development Organizations 2015 Innovation Award

SCTDD Regional Disaster Preparedness & Business Resiliency Planning Program.

The South Central Tennessee Development District (SCTDD) is responsible for assisting cities and counties in promoting economic development through the expansion and retention of its local businesses. Unfortunately, during recent years, the south central Tennessee region has suffered from numerous disaster events that has significantly disrupted the local economy. In order to address this critical situation, SCTDD partnered with Emergency Management Agencies, University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, local officials, and industries to develop an innovative approach to disaster resiliency planning. SCTDD and its partners prepared an "operation template" which outlined numerous steps that companies would need to implement in order to effectively continue operations after a disaster event.



Walt Wood, Consultant for SCTDD presented the certificate to the present SCTDD Board Chairman, Joe Boyd Liggett, Marshall County Mayor and past SCTDD Board Chairman, Richard Stewart, Franklin County Mayor.

Walt Wood, Consultant for SCTDD presented the NADO Award plaque to SCTDD Executive Director and staff.





Walt Wood, Consultant for SCTDD presented the plaque to UT Center for Industrial Services Institute for Public Service: Misty DePriest, Resource Manager and Albert Tieche, Environmental & Productivity Resource.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Financial Management Department managed a budget funded by State and Federal grants, Loan Programs, and Local Governments in the amount of \$15,179,129 for the fiscal year 2015/2016. SCTDD allocated approximately \$6,698,193 million to assist the thirteen county area communities and businesses in an effort to create jobs, business growth, community development, transit program operations, and to improve and enhance the quality of life for the elderly and the disabled.

The status of economic growth in the SCTDD's region determines our ability to add new programs and accept new responsibilities. Budgetary constraints at the state level, the low per capita income in the SCTDD's region, and the dwindling of manufacturing jobs in the state and the SCTDD's region all have impacts on the status of economic growth..

The Financial Management Department has the responsibility to provide a sound accounting system and internal controls to safeguard SCTDD's financial assets and manage its financial resources by recording and reporting financial transactions in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, governmental accounting standards board, and other legally mandated standards. The Department maintains the general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, cash receipts, investments, payroll, along with the coordination and implementation of internal controls. The Department also assists the Executive Director with the cost allocation plan and the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the budget.

It is the commitment of the Financial Management Department to ensure that quality financial services and information are provided to SCTDD management and to maintain the highest confidence of the SCTDD Board and employees in an open and honest manner while being professional, courteous and efficient showing genuine concerns for the needs and well being of all employees and related parties.

Anita Turnbow

Director of Finance

Debbie McMullin

Finance Analyst

Rural Public Transportation is available to everyone. The SCTDD Public Transportation Program benefits all aspects of the community in relation to individuals, families, businesses, industries and communities. SCTDD transit services are provided to the general public within each of the 13 counties as well as intercity service connections from each county to urbanized areas. The mission of SCTDD transit is to continually increase ridership, provide safe and efficient transportation, provide new services in unserved areas, and improve transit services with prioritization to elderly, disadvantaged and low-income, and disabled persons. SCTDD provides the regional network of transit services with state and federal funding contracted through the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Division of Multi-Modal Transportation Resources.



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**Transportation Specialist** 

#### Lea Thomason

**Transportation Mobility Coordinator** 

#### **Brian Henson**

Transportation IT Assistant

#### Shannon Smith

Administrative Assistant

**TDOT Revenue 2016-17:** SCTDD was awarded \$2,937,595 in federal funds and \$1,467,798 in state funds for a total grant of \$4,405,393. Funds will be used for administration, operations, and regional capital improvements to continue providing a regional rural public transportation system for our thirteen counties.

**SCTDD Service Data:** The regional transit fleet is comprised of 216 vans with 205 transit personnel. During FY 2015 -2016 the fleet traveled 3,335,322 miles, providing transportation for over 37,000 passengers on approximately 252,987 trips.

TennCare Transportation: During FY 2015-2016 SCTDD continued TennCare transportation service contracts with Access2care, Southeast Trans, United Healthcare and AmeriGroup. The district transportation office acts as a dispatching and scheduling function for all TennCare trips in the 13 county region. The regional transit fleet transported TennCare clients on 83,727 trips for a total of 1,622,420 miles. Contract revenue earned from TennCare totaled approximately \$2.7 million. The SCTDD transportation office retained over \$270,000 for administration fees to defray costs of administering the TennCare transportation program.

SCTDD maintains a drug free workplace and a zero tolerance policy. In accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration Regulations SCTDD transportation staff administers a Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use Policy to all 188 safety sensitive transit employees in the thirteen counties. The intent of the policy is to establish a drug and alcohol-free work environment. Job applicants are given a pre-employment drug test, employees are randomly tested every two months, reasonable suspicion tests are provided and post-accident drug and alcohol testing is performed after defined accidents. During FY 2015-2016, 83 applicants were pre-employment tested and background checked, 46 safety-sensitive employees were randomly tested, and 3 post-accident tests were performed at a cost of approximately \$15,000.



# Mule Town Trolley Connection Service South Central Area Transit Service SCATS

#### **Fiscal Year 2015/2016**

New Website muletowntrolley.org/ September 2015
Mule Town Trolley expands routes November 24, 2015
Mule Town Trolley Brochures available in Braille, Large Print, and Audio.
Mule Town Trolley Mobile App/ Download TSO SCATS.
Installation of Color LED Signs and Annunciators on 12 Vehicles.

#### **Future Work Plan**

Purchase of New Trolley.

Placement of Trolley signs at designated stops.

Information Center at Riverwalk Park Trolley Transfer Point.

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# Mule Town Trolley expands routes

By JAY POWELL, promitte alung

Mule Town Trolley will be expanding its routes in Maury County and providing free rides for the remainder of 2015 starting today.

South Central Tennesser
Development District Public
Transportation will implement the new fixed route
service, adding new routes
from Columbia to Mt. Pleasant and Spring Hill, while
also integrating two routes

inside downtown Columbia

Mule Town Trolley driver Tammy Frazier said the service has seen an increase in demand since starting in 2013. The orange, tan and green trolleys have provided rides to more than 9,000 passengers and the need to start earlier and cut down route on times has increased, she said.

"You would be surprised how many people just don't have a way to go. And if they don't now, maybe this can belp them get a job and help them to get back on their feet," Frazier said. "We saw the need that people need help to work, getting to doctor's offices for appointments, getting groceries. So, we're going into rural areas now and Columbia bousing."

A website (www.muletowntrolley.org) was launched in September and has reported more than 80,000 hits. The city has worked the past eight months designing the new routes, which Frazier said will now provide service to more people than ever before.

"It's just growing and we're seeing such enthusiasm," she said. "It's a wonderful service for the people in Maury County, and we're just so happy to be given this opportunity and just so excited that it's finally here."

The new routes will run every hour and will provide an interconnect at the new interchange located at Riverwalk Park, Stops will now include East Columbia residences, Walmort and Maury Regional Cancer Center, the post office on West 7th Street, Columbia Health Department, Veterans Services, The Department of Human Services, The Temessee Career Center, Columbia State Community College, The Family Center food bank and a number of

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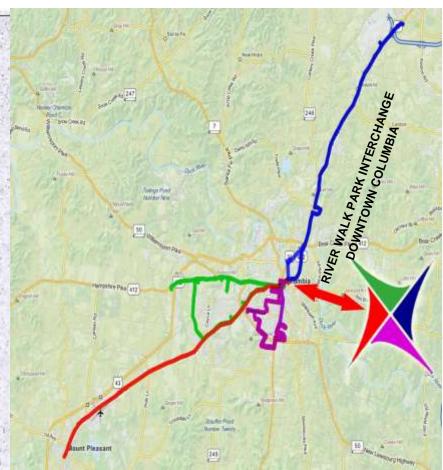
Maury County businesses and restaurants.

"We tried to cover as much as we could with this. You could walk a block or two and get to one of these stops. And it's something that's proven to boost the economy."

A new app is also set to launch soon and will provide route times and directions to the closest pickup location. Mule Town Trolley will also start providing "enunciators" for passengers with speech or other communication disabilities, Frazier said.

"We have several people who are disabled in a way that aren't able to hear or able to see," she said. "This is going to give them an independence, a better quality of life, and we're just so excited."

As a demonstration period, no fares will be charged through Dec. 31. For more information on the new routes, visit Mule Town Trolley's website or call (931) 379-2907.



The new Mule Town Trolley routes will take passengers to areas in Mt. Pleasant and Spring Hill, as well as new areas in Columbia. Rides will be offered for free from Nov. 25 through Dec. 31 as a demonstration period. (Map courtesy of Mule Town Trolley)



#### Yearly Comparison Chart / Trolley Passenger Trips

	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
July	0	155	359	399
August	0	282	303	353
September	О	189	422	458
October	0	284	454	404
November	0	119	274	417
December	0	217	328	1843
January	0	136	238	1425
February	0	123	270	1909
March	0	933	260	2286
April	0	463	368	2123
May	0	218	335	2211
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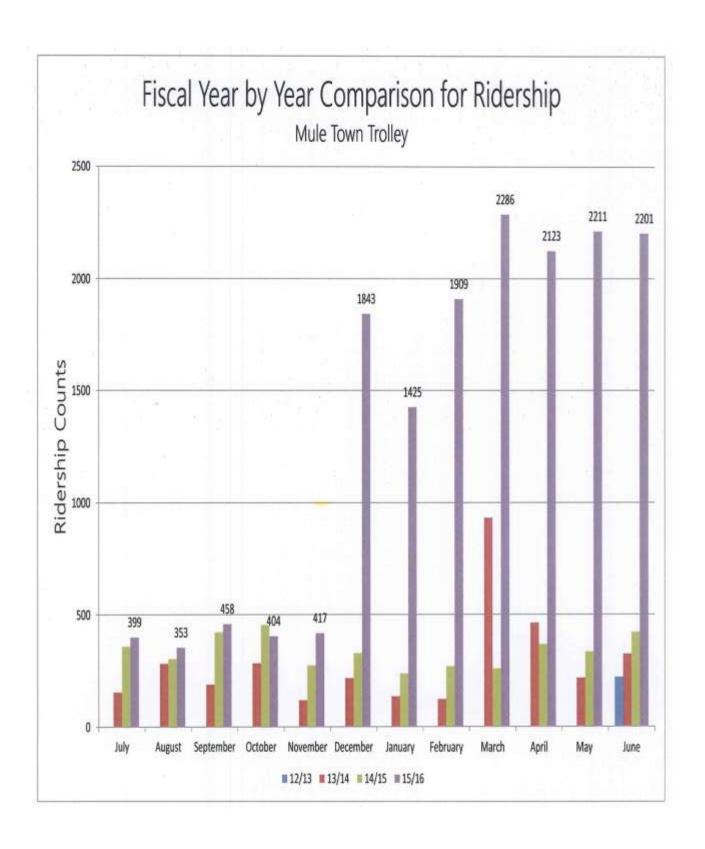
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New Septe	ember 2015
Month	Hits
Sep-15	28,160
Oct-15	34,990
Nov-15	33,158
Dec-15	25,840
Jan-16	24,021
Feb-16	24,076
Mar-16	10,284
Apr-16	8,682
May-16	10,703
Jun-16	12,567
Total	212,481



Mule Town Trolley New Route

Purple Line East

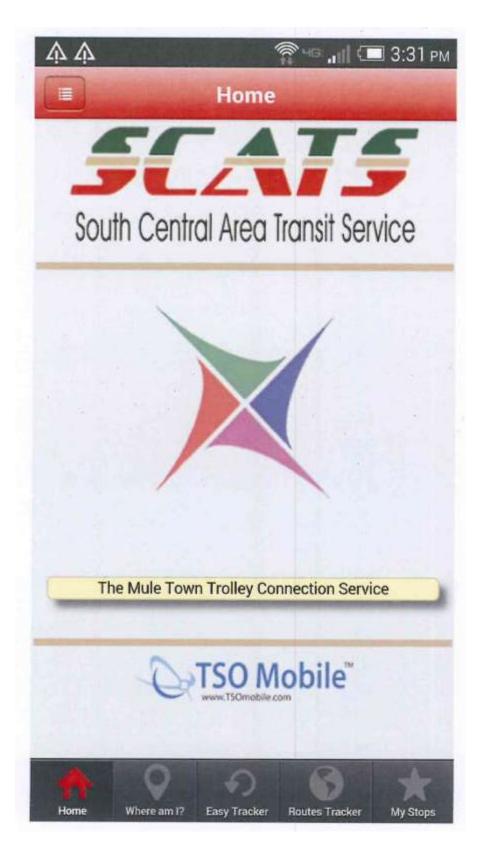




**Mule Town Trolley New Route** 

**Green Line West** 





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# QUEEN'S INVITATION



Mule Day Queen Tori Brown, right, and her court prepare to board the Mule Town Trolley on Monday for a trip to the State Capitol in Nashville. Brown extended an invitation to state leaders for Mule Day 2016 in a speech before the House of Representatives. Others in the Mule Day court include, from left, Alayna Keeling, fourth runner-up; Hannah Qinn, third runner-up; Dacey Thompson, second runner-up; and Kendyl Colvett, first runner-up. Read Brown's speech to legislators on Page 3A. (Staff photo by Susan W. Thurman)





Tennessee State Capital—2016

# Stuff the Bus delivers record-breaking amount of supplies

By MIKE CHRISTEN mohristen@c-dh.net

Maury County Public Schools' campuses received a special delivery Tuesday as Stuff the Bus volunteers handed over a record-breaking amount of school supplies with the help of the Mule Town Trolley.

Over the course of the weekend, volunteers took donations outside the Columbia Walmart, receiving 1,587 spiral notebooks, 1,172 pencils, 1,190 folders, 511 packages of markers, 55 packages of loose leaf paper, 805 boxes of crayons and 692 binders and more purchased with



Stuff the Bus volunteers Margot Hemron, left, Jessy Hay, center, and Julie Wolaver pack school supplies into the Mule Town Trolley as it sits parked at J.R. Baker Elementary before dropping off the donations at Maury County's other public schools. (Staff photo by Mike Christen)

an additional \$10,000 in donated funds.

The supplies were all delivered Monday and Thesday, with some to the schools on the county's edges, but the majority of the drop-offs were made by volunteers traveling on the Mule Town Trolley, driven by former MCPS basketball coach Dewitt Whitaker.

"There is nothing like accommodating the school system to help kids, and I am thrilled to be a part of it," Whitaker said. Last year he also drove the bus delivering supplies. "This year is even better because we had something

to look forward to, a success in education."

The bus made six stops in the district, which took the group on a route zigzagging across the county to the new Columbia Central High School, Whitthorne Middle, E. A. Cox Middle, Northfield Academy and Spring Hill High School.

Jeanetta Robertson of Central High School's Family Center cheered on the volunteers for their hard work as they dodged contractors making a delivery at the new school.

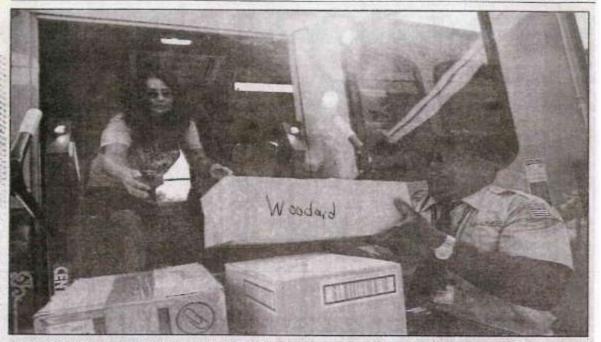
"There are so many kids in Maury County that

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Stuff the Bus volunteer Margot Hemron is assisted by Mule Town Trolley driver Dewitt Whitaker as she loads school supplies into the bus before delivering it to Maury County's public schools Tuesday. (Staff photo by Mike Christen)

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don't have the basic necessities, and people don't even realize it," Robertson said. "It is a blessing, and we are excited to be able to pass the blessing on to the students of Maury County."

As the bus delivered materials to Whitthorne, Principal Doug Capella and Assistant Principal Angle Poag were there to help carry in the materials with thanks.

"The stuff we have here is going to be crucial," Capella said. "I am just so appreciative that we have this and we can get it in kids' hands so we can be successful."

Poag thanked the volunteers who participated in the program and made the effort to donate the materials.

The Stuff the Bus committee consists of about 30 volunteers, many retired local educators, working to make sure Maury County teachers and students are prepared for the first day of classes.

"It is just great to see people doing good, especially with all the bad that has been happening," volunteer Beth Eastep said as she helped load the bus at J.R. Baker Elementary School at the start of the journey.

The program is led by Sondra Wilson-Martin, a former third-and-fourth-grade teacher at Highland Park Elementary, who began the program with the hope of relieving stress for students in need on the first day of school and their teachers, many of whom would pay for the additional supplies out of their own pockets.

"On behalf of the citizens of Maury County, we are grateful. We are so excited," Wilson-Martin said.

Wilson-Martin said this year's drive saw an increase in donated supplies compared to last year's drive, along with increased generosity from the Columbia Walmart, which she said offered discounts to Stuff the Bus.

The additional \$10,000 in donations were made by Listerhill Credit Union, McDonald's, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Destiny Church, Tina Adams, JJ's Barbecue, Caledonian Financial, The Art of Dentistry and more. Their donations allowed volunteers to purchase more materials with discounts offered by Columbia's Walmart.

This year, supplies doubled, with donations including 550 folders, 783 packs of colored pencils, 2,178 compositions books and 1,021 binders, rulers and glue sticks. Although the summer drive is

Although the summer drive is at its end, the organization is still accepting donations to help fund continued re-supply efforts during the school year.

Donations can made by contacting stuffthebusmaury@gmail.com.



Columbia Christmas Parade—2015

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# RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The Rural Planning Organization assisted TDOT in the coordination of the long range transportation planning process as set forth in TDOT\*s Long Range Transportation Plan.

The RPO considered multi modal transportation needs on a local and regional basis; reviewed long-term needs as well as short-term funding priorities; and made recommendations to TDOT. In addition, the RPO assisted communities in identifying areas of safety concerns, coordinating the cooperation between local communities and TDOT in addressing those concerns. Additionally, the RPO coordinator assisted in the development of State Industrial Access Road applications, Safe Routes to School

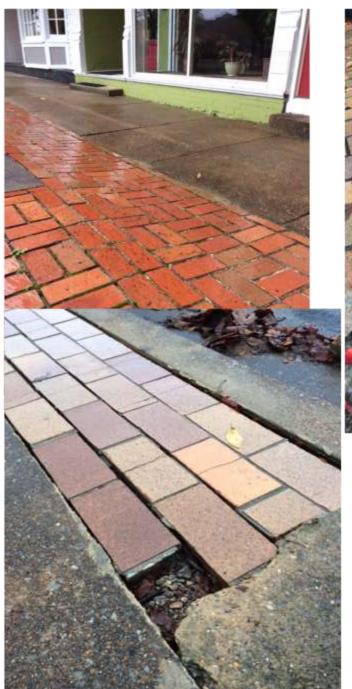
applications, Roadscapes applications, and Enhancement applications as requested. RPO Coordinator also participates in Road Safety Audits for areas of concern in each community.



TDOT Meeting held with Commissioner Schroer



# BURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION





#### Lawrenceburg Downtown Revitalization Project

Lawrenceburg focusing on improving pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns on and around the historic square district.

#### **STAFF**

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Rural Planning Organization (RPO)/Infrastructure Director

Dale Cobb

Solid Waste

SCTDD continues to serve as a Technical Assistance resource for the 13 county region. Needs assessments for counties are prepared annually and submitted to TDEC. The Annual Progress Report is performed each March with SCTDD providing assistance as needed to each county. The new Re-Trac reporting software was implemented in the Spring of 2013. Re-Trac serves as the reporting mechanism for counties to enter their collection data for the preceding year and to describe plans for the coming year.

The new 2015-2025 plan objectives are:

- Update goals and measure progress
- Increase access to and participate in recycling
- Enhance processing end markets
- Increase diversion of organics
- Support new diversion technology
- · Expand and focus education outreach
- Ensure sufficient and environmentally sound disposal
- Develop sustainable funding sources for sustainable materials management

SCTDD will assist TDEC in accomplishing these goals as part of there annual technical assistance contract.

#### **Recycling Equipment Grants Awarded 2015-2016**

Franklin County:	Skid Loader	\$25,000
Marshall County:	Skid Loader	\$25,000
Lewis County:	Vertical Baler	\$14,464

#### **Used Oil Grants Awarded 2015-2016**

Franklin County:	Heater	\$ 9,500
Giles County:	New Convenience Centers	\$48,200
Hickman County:	Collection Tanks	\$38,600
Marshall County:	Collection Tanks	\$39.250

#### **Waste Reduction Grants 2015-2016**

Franklin County: Horizontal Baler \$ 59,154

Marshall County: Vacuum System \$140,000

#### **Composting Grant 2015-2016**

Friends of Henry Horton State Park, Inc./Marshall County

Compost Collection Container \$ 99,623





By Sharon Rollins and John Chlarson

# Lawrenceburg City & County Pool Sanitation Services

Lawrence County and the city of Lawrenceburg have long partnered on sanitation and recycling efforts. The success of this partnership is evident by an effective landfill avoidance rate of 64 percent. It is also evident from speaking with workers on the county payroll and the city payroll who work together at the same facility in an atmosphere of team work, co-operation and mutual respect and pride in their jobs. Everyone benefits from economy of scale savings when political entities located in close proximity pool assets. That's what the county and city did.

Gary Wayne Hyde, a TDEC certified landfill operator, a SWANA certified Recycle System Manager and a member of the Regional Solid Waste Planning Board wears two hats. He is Lawrence County Solid Waste Director and Recycle Coordinator and city of Lawrenceburg

Sanitation Department Manager. He oversees all sanitation collection services for the city and manages contract collection for the county as well as transfer station operations and disposal and recycling operations. His office is at the county sanitation campus which contains (1) scales; (2) the transfer station where city sanitation trucks and county contractors dump refuse; (3) a facility and equipment where all recycling materials are sorted, baled and stored until sold: (4) a brush/leaves disposal pit where residents and contractors can drop off wood waste; and (5) bins where city and county residents may dispose of recyclable materials, refuse and bulky wastes.

The transfer station processed and transported to the Class I landfill over 20,000 tons of waste last year. The recycle tonnage diverted exceeded 37,000 tons. This creates recycling revenues of approximately \$200,000 annually and avoids transportation and disposal costs. Refuse from the transfer station is contract hauled to a private landfill in Walnut, MS – a one-way haul distance of over 100 miles. The tipping fee is \$38/ton. Thus the high rate of recycling generates



Gary Wayne Hyde is the Lawrence County Solid Waste Director and Lawrenceburg Sanitation Department Manager.



After inmates sort the waste materials on a picking line process, the recycle materials are sorted, baled and sold.



The facility also receives and grinds wood waste, leaves and brush for use at an industrial plant as boiler fuel.



tremendous savings for city and county residents.

A unique feature of this county/city partnership is that approximately 40% of all recycle materials are collected at fifteen county and private schools. The county provides drop-off storage buildings (provided by a grant) at the schools to receive cardboard, plastic, paper, cans, and other recyclables. The county also provides recycle bags.

Lawrence County donated old school buses with seats removed to collect recycle materials from the schools' storage buildings and transport to the recycle facility. The county provides annual monetary incentives to the schools based on their recycle collection performance. The top performing school receives \$1,250. When discussing the schools' participation and their effectiveness, many people just smile and say "the kids get 'er done."

The recycle facility, located in the industrial park area of Lawrenceburg, also receives and processes the disposal of batteries, motor oil, tires, paint and

electronic waste. The recycle facility uses a dedicated rear-loader to collect cardboard and paper products from over 200 businesses. The recycling center uses inmate labor for sorting waste materials on a picking line process. Recycle materials are sorted, baled and sold.

In addition, this facility receives and grinds wood waste, leaves and brush. The ground wood waste is transported to an industrial plant and used as boiler fuel. A demolition landfill is provided at another location.

### THDA-HOME PROGRAM

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) administers the federally funded HOME program to promote the production, preservation and rehabilitation of housing for low-income households.

As the State's housing finance agency, THDA is a self-sufficient, independently funded, publicly accountable entity of the State of Tennessee. THDA's mission is to ensure that every Tennessean has access to safe, sound, affordable housing opportunities. THDA awards HOME funds annually through a competitive application process to cities, counties and non-profit organizations outside a local participating jurisdiction to implement homeowner rehabilitation or second mortgage subsidy programs. THDA also funds annually nonprofit housing developers designated by the State as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to develop housing for sale to low and moderate income home buyers across all of Tennessee, including within local participating jurisdictions.

#### **Notice of Funding Availability**

THDA has available approximately \$927,000 to award to state designated CHDOs to implement eligible homeownership development activities under its HOME Program for the upcoming year.

#### **Grant Amount**

The maximum HOME grant is \$500,000. Applicants must apply for at least \$100,000. There is a \$750,000 maximum that can be awarded to any one county if there are multiple grant applications from that county.

SCTDD is currently administering 11 grants totaling over \$3.4 million in assistance to the following cities and counties: Coffee County, City of Columbia, City of Cowan, City of Decherd, Franklin County, City of Lawrenceburg, City of Ethridge, City of Loretto, City of Manchester, Maury County, City of Spring Hill.

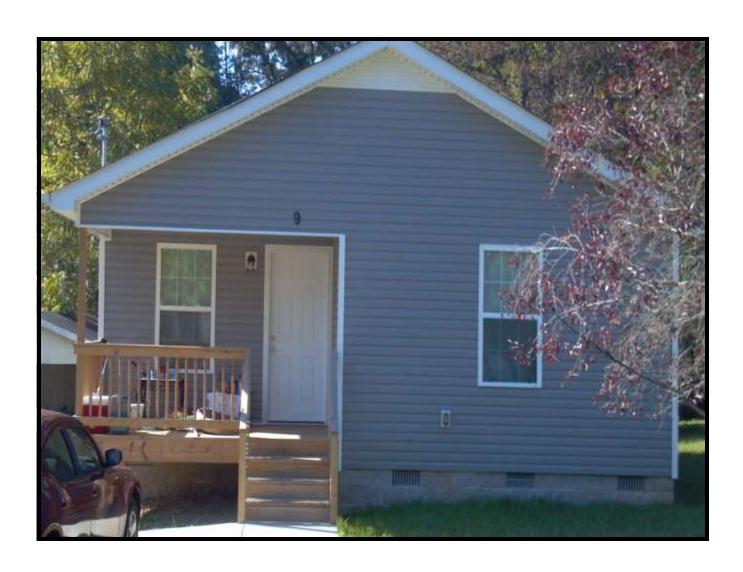
SCTDD is working hard with these communities to rehabilitate low-income owner-occupied homes.

#### **STAFF**

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Community Development Specialist/HOME Administrator

## THDA-HOME PROGRAM



#### THDA-EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

South Central Tennessee Development District has been averaging \$233k per year since 2009 with Emergency Repair Program funding. The SCTDD region covers 4800 square miles and the population according to the 2010 Census data projections for 2012 is approximately 425,000 people. The SCTDD region is comprised of two urban counties and 11 rural counties. SCTDD has expended funds or committed funds in all 13 counties.

The network that SCTDD has developed in the region consists of the South Central Human Resource Agency, People Helping People, Hickman County Long Term Recovery, USDA Rural Development, St. Johns Baptist Episcopal Church (Sewanee), Lewisburg 3-star Committee, the Area Agency for Aging and Disability, Westminster Home Connection, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, and the Mennonite Disaster Team (Hickman). Our contractors are reliable and professional as we assist the 60+ year demographic population that falls in the 60% of median income category of southern middle Tennessee.

Since the grants inception in 2007 SCTDD has applied over \$1,700,000 throughout the district to over 215 homeowners. The THDA contract was modified in 2012 to cover a two year period for \$200,000. An additional \$100,000 was granted in October 2012 to bring the two year grant total to \$300,000. The new contract award beginning July 1, 2014 and continuing to June 30, 2016 totals \$444,444.

SCTDD was awarded a new contract starting in September 2016 totaling \$300,000 in THDA funds, with a total program budget of \$435,000 with administration fees and required matching funds.

#### **STAFF**

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Assistant Director of Aging & Disability Programs

### THDA-EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM







